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City library joins with publisher to form Inland literary center

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – A literary center promoting Inland Empire writers has been formed at the City of Riverside Library.

The Inlandia Institute is a creation of the library and Heyday Books, which publishes California authors. The two formed the institute to support the region's unique literary voice with publications, public readings, conferences, lectures and radio and TV outreach.

Named after the anthology: "Inlandia, A Literary Journey Through California's Inland Empire," edited by Gayle Wattawa, the institute is planning to host a book festival and community readings of the book within the next two years.

Marion Mitchell-Wilson, the library's Cultural Arts Program manager, has been selected as the first director of the institute.

"As increased focus is now brought to the visual and performing arts in Riverside," she said. "Inlandia Institute adds literary arts to that vision."

Heyday Books, founded in 1974, plans on expanding its roster of local writers and artists to increase interest in a region often overshadowed by the Los Angeles literary scene.

For more information about the institute, call Mitchell-Wilson at (951) 826-5713.

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